

## Veteran's Day Assignment

For this assignment, you are to bring in an artifact that represents someone in your family who has been affected by war, in the broadest or most specific terms (We'll discuss that a little bit in class). Remember that soldiers aren't the only ones affected in a war; their families, people who choose not to fight, people who flee from war, even people who live in a time period that is consumed by war fall into that category. The definition of "an artifact" is similarly large: pictures, yes (though these will be posted, so please don't bring in anything that is extremely precious!); personal belongings; letters-- anything that represents the person you're focusing on.

If you are 100% sure you have no one in your family who fits this definition, you should locate a picture from a magazine or newspaper that deals with some aspect of war or peace and has an impact on you.

On Friday and over the loooooong weekend, you will spend some quiet time writing either a bio poem or a haiku focusing on your artifact. You may feel free to prep ahead of time if you want to make sure it's just perfect! We will post your writings, along with the artifacts, on the bulletin board as our commemoration of Veterans'/Armistice Day.

### Veterans' Day Choices. . .

Biopoem: best if you have good personal connections or information on the subject!

Set it up this way

Subject's first name  
Three adjectives to describe subject's personality  
Description of subject's relationship to you, or someone else  
Three things the subject thinks or believes in  
Who fears (list three things s/he fears/is afraid of)  
Who would like (list three things s/he dreams of)  
Resident of (choose appropriate location)  
Subject's last name

OR

A haiku, which is usually good if you don't have a lot of personal connection or information on your subject, and especially if you use a picture from a magazine.

For this you aim to capture an image in three lines: five syllables in the first line, seven in the next, and five in the last.

